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*By Fax, Hard Copy by Mail*

Dear Attorney Hesse:

Please consider this letter as public comment in the case of *U.S. v Microsoft*. I have been following the case in the press and believe that it is time for the government to accept the settlement as is and stop the litigation.

It is very easy in times of peace to prosecute companies and civilians for reasons that may be more theoretical than pertinent. We are no longer in peacetime. Now, while this country is at war, it is crucial that all of our energies be focused on prosecuting war criminals and providing national security. Not only is prosecuting Microsoft wasting the time of our justice department it is wasting taxpayer dollars.

Microsoft is a large company and as such has great responsibilities to consumers and other technology firms. The settlement should ease some of the concerns of the government and Microsoft competitors without diminishing Microsoft's importance to the economy and the industry. The purpose of this litigation should not be to decrease the productivity of Microsoft because if so American citizens will suffer the consequences.

The United States needs to lead the world in technology, not lag behind because of misinterpreted antitrust laws.

Sincerely,

  
Anne Porter Jackman